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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Representation on the Verification Panel Working Group

1. I called on General Faurer this morning to discuss concerns he had raised with me in his letter of 20 August objecting to the use of CIA officers as the DCI's representatives in the VPWG, both on SALT and MBFR matters. He had recommended that the appropriate NIOs be assigned this task.

2. I had planned to show General Faurer a draft reply to his letter and to suggest that we avoid an exchange of polemics, and see what we could do to alleviate the day-to-day problems that underlay his proposal. Unfortunately, he had asked his DIOs for Strategic and Conventional Forces to be present and it was not possible to follow this course. Instead I described the situation and the reasons for it as I understood them, with some effort to explain the other side of the specific instances that he cited.

3. It was clear from Faurer's response that this issue is entangled with the kind of misunderstandings, personality clashes, and institutional paranoia that make difficult bureaucratic problems impossible. DIA obviously feels very strongly and one must admit that in principle DIA has a case.

4. I told Faurer that I understood what he was saying. On the other hand, we were now in a period of great uncertainty. We had no assurance that there would even be a VPWG after January 20 or for that matter an NIO system. I proposed, therefore, to hold the matter in abeyance until those questions were clarified, but

I undertook to reexamine it if we ended up with comparable organizational arrangements in the new administration. Faurer indicated this approach was reasonable. On the specific episodes at issue, we agreed that there was nothing to be gained by rehashing them further. The tone of the meeting was cordial despite the contentious mess of the subject.



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